Background and Purpose

• Purpose of the survey was to gather feedback about the campus from students, faculty and staff
  – Survey ran from April 8, 2019 through October 11, 2019
  – Incorporates the campus’s triennial Transportation Survey
  – Alternate version of the survey available to the general public

• Survey helped encourage early, ongoing participation in the planning process
  – Opportunity for the campus and community to contribute ideas
  – Online survey shared via email and the LRDP and Campus Master Plan websites, as well as at tabling sessions and other in-person meetings

• Survey data complements other ongoing analyses to identify needs to be addressed in the LRDP and Campus Master Plan

KEY STATS
• Total responses: 2,963
• Most responses: Staff (1,164)
• Overall response rate: 5.2%
Campus Elements

What are your favorite spaces on campus and why?
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?
KEY FINDINGS

1. Open space is a key component of the campus environment and should be preserved.
   i. In particular, open green spaces should be preserved, and more outdoor spaces could have seating
   ii. Memorial Glade and Faculty Glade are key community spaces
   iii. Natural areas like Strawberry Creek, the redwood grove, and the Eucalyptus Grove are unique elements of the campus that provide a respite from busier, more active spaces

2. A variety of buildings contribute to the campus experience.
   i. The Campanile, Doe Memorial Library, and Sproul Plaza are iconic elements of the campus
   ii. Buildings like Chou Hall and Berkeley Way West are appreciated for their natural light and common spaces for gathering and collaboration
   iii. MLK Student Union, Cesar Chavez Student Center, and the RSF are important to students

3. Libraries and cafés are a critical component of the student experience.

What are your favorite spaces on campus and why?
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- **ALL RESPONSES**
  - Libraries: 18%
  - Other Buildings: 32%
  - My Office: 4%
  - Open Spaces and Natural Areas: 46%

- **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**
  - Libraries: 31%
  - Other Buildings: 30%
  - My Office: 16%
  - Open Spaces and Natural Areas: 28%

- **GRADUATE STUDENTS**
  - Libraries: 16%
  - Other Buildings: 28%
  - My Office: 10%
  - Open Spaces and Natural Areas: 46%

- **FACULTY**
  - Libraries: 11%
  - Other Buildings: 26%
  - My Office: 53%
  - Open Spaces and Natural Areas: 10%

- **STAFF**
  - Libraries: 12%
  - Other Buildings: 31%
  - My Office: 56%
  - Open Spaces and Natural Areas: 1%

- **ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES**
  - Libraries: 12%
  - Other Buildings: 22%
  - My Office: 22%
  - Open Spaces and Natural Areas: 64%
SELECTED COMMENTS – OPEN SPACES

- “Memorial Glade…it seems to be the green heart of the campus.”
- “We often spend so much time behind a computer screen, it’s critical to have nice places to sit outside during the day.”
- “Green space helps with de-stressing and mental health and a way to meet with peers, colleagues, and professors in an informal setting.”
- “I love that I can connect with nature just while walking to class.”
- “Areas that create quiet spaces among the main path hustle. I like these spaces because it allows the campus to both feel alive while also not overwhelming, and a place to pause and think.”
- “I love that there are places to sit by the redwoods and be completely immersed in nature, even though it’s right in the heart of the campus…I have also seen classes conducted around the creek, which I think is fantastic.”
- “I do like the feel of Sproul Plaza when school is in session – when the weather is great and the students are out and about, it feels so lively and uniquely Berkeley.”
- “The plazas outside of Sproul and Wurster Halls. These areas feel like truly public spaces and I enjoy the openness of these portions of our campus to the surrounding community.”

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SELECTED COMMENTS – BUILDINGS + ICONIC SPACES

• “I love the libraries, the Campanile, and Sproul Plaza. These are things that make Cal unequivocally Cal...I think it is important to expand upon these iconic spaces that make Berkeley the University that it is.”
• “Those with lots of natural light, comfortable and enough places to sit, and not a ton of traffic through it.”
• “Newer buildings such as Berkeley Way West. They feel safe, are clean, encourage collaboration and have plenty of common spaces for working or studying.”
• “Jacobs Hall because it provides instruction and tools to all campus members and even staff can join.”
• “The RSF helps with stress reduction and keeping me healthy.”
• “Places that are not super well known to everybody that I can peacefully and quietly study.”
• “I love libraries! They’re quiet, with nooks for both productivity and idle contemplation. And to be surrounded by books – the best. Feels quintessentially collegiate.”
• “Libraries and other dedicated study spaces. These spaces put the most effort into making students feel welcome and comfortable, and feel like a safe space for undergrads.”
• “Moffitt is really nice because of the chairs and different study areas, but there’s always so many people.”
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?

KEY FINDINGS

1. Modernization of existing buildings is needed to improve their functionality.
   i. Evans Hall, Dwinelle Hall, University Hall, and Hearst Gym are particularly in need of attention
   ii. Existing housing facilities should also be considered for renewal

2. Priority space needs include classrooms, study space, community space, and wellness space.
   i. Improvement or expansion of recreation and wellness space would help serve more students, faculty and staff

3. The Campus Park could better support pedestrians, bikes, and other non-vehicle modes.
   i. Consider reducing vehicle conflicts with pedestrians and bicycles within the Campus Park
   ii. Improvements to campus pathways would support people with disabilities and encourage alternative modes of transportation like walking and biking

4. Identify strategies to improve the commute to campus, from parking facilities to alternative transportation programs.

5. Enhance campus edges, where the campus integrates with the City context.
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?

- **ALL RESPONSES**
  - Buildings and Deferred Maintenance: 50%
  - Undergraduate Students: 35%
  - Graduate Students: 45%

- **Faculty**
  - Buildings and Deferred Maintenance: 69%
  - Undergraduate Students: 23%
  - Graduate Students: 18%

- **Staff**
  - Buildings and Deferred Maintenance: 55%
  - Undergraduate Students: 23%
  - Graduate Students: 18%

- **Undergraduate Students**
  - Buildings and Deferred Maintenance: 19%
  - Undergraduate Students: 19%
  - Graduate Students: 10%

- **Graduate Students**
  - Buildings and Deferred Maintenance: 15%
  - Undergraduate Students: 12%
  - Graduate Students: 16%

- **Academic Employees**
  - Buildings and Deferred Maintenance: 63%
  - Undergraduate Students: 14%
  - Graduate Students: 18%
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?

SELECTED COMMENTS – BUILDINGS AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

• “Invest in making what we have more livable and supportive.”
• “None of the spaces I avoid are intrinsically bad or problematic. We just need more places to accommodate the many folks who want to be here.”
• “We have a number of buildings that by virtue of their original design are not very functional or have outlived their usefulness and refurbishing or replacing them will not be easy, but is essential.”
• “I value the historic architecture and would like to see it preserved. That being said, it needs to be usable for the people working in it today.”
• “We need more large, flexible, modular teaching spaces where innovative teaching can flourish.”
• “There is too much space on campus dedicated to surface parking.”
• “The environmental footprint (emissions, waste, etc) and climate resilience of all spaces on campus [should] be the utmost priority when thinking of long-term plans.”
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?

SELECTED COMMENTS – STUDENT SPACE

• “All buildings should have significant comfortable spaces accessible at least to all students.”
• “All of the common spaces on campus feel very crowded and this adds to the stress of being on campus.”
• “I sometimes have to visit multiple libraries before I can find a place to sit, particularly during high-traffic study times in the afternoon.”
• “I never go to study, relax, eat, etc. in cafes (or libraries) because they are always so full and I can never get a seat. If cafes had more room I would spend time in them.”
• “Desks or tables outside classrooms so I can have a comfortable place to work while waiting for class.”
• “More reservable study rooms would be really fantastic. They can be hard or impossible to book if you don’t have the meeting planned by the Friday before.”
• “I hope that the new campus plan seeks to make space and establish prioritization of visibility of communities of color, particularly of students in these recruitment and retention centers that do important and impactful work.”
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?

SELECTED COMMENTS – WELLNESS AND OPEN SPACE

• “Recognition of the importance of exercise, overall health and wellness seems to be increasing while spaces for students, staff and faculty to address these are on the decline.”
• “Even though the RSF is my favorite space on campus and I use it several times a week, it seems way too small to support a campus as big as Berkeley.”
• “Parking structures should be created with fields or recreational space on top.”
• “Club sports are really important to a lot of students and we would really appreciate more field time.”
• “The green spaces need to be protected and expanded...Without increasing green spaces and other public areas to do work and take lunch, more mental health issues will affect physical health of the student and employee bodies.”
• “The natural areas of campus could be improved with the addition of tree identification labels and nature signage about the flora and fauna...It would showcase the beauty of campus for the community and visitors.”
• “There’s not enough shade in outdoor areas where there’s seating and where there is shade there is no seating.”
• “More art and more bold art...Provocative or bold art can reflect the leadership and culture of UC Berkeley and the SF Bay Area. It can boost morale, start conversations, and improve quality of life.”
What parts of campus do you feel could be improved and why?

SELECTED COMMENTS – MOBILITY

- “On campus I believe the pedestrian should always have the right of way. Cars should come secondary to people walking, and in a more formal way than currently occurs.”
- “It would be great to have dedicated bicycle and transit lanes all around campus...Berkeley has done a lot to reduce our collective carbon footprint, but we could do a lot more.”
- “Please lobby the City of Berkeley to improve its roads, especially for cyclists.”
- “More secure bike parking, more shower spaces in buildings, or a central building that has these facilities. I don’t bicycle to work but I would if those two things were available.”
- “Direct shuttles for off-campus locations such as University Village would greatly improve the housing/parking situation.”
- “Sometimes I walk to campus because I am almost sure I cannot find a parking space in Hearst.”
- “As an employee with occasional family responsibilities necessitating a car, I find the absolute lack of staff parking very difficult to navigate and be able to afford.”
- “It would be nice if the off campus locations could be more connected to campus.”
- “I think the Loop could be expanded. I think it’s important to serve students with different abilities.”
- “Signage so that you know where you are and, therefore, how to get to where you need to be.”
- “The shaded, woody walking paths need better lighting for nighttime.”
Campus Experience

In your opinion, what are the campus’s top three most pressing space needs?
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**TOP SPACE NEEDS BY CATEGORY**

1. Renewal of existing space
2. Student housing
3. Classrooms
4. Parking
5. Seismic safety
6. Housing (general)
7. Research space
8. Meeting and collaboration space
9. Recreation and wellness space
10. Other academic space needs
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